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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

-- PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a § 371 U.S. national stage of PCT/US00/09979, filed April 13, 2000, which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2), and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/130,434, filed April 21, 1999.--

The following abstract (which is also submitted on a separate page) should be inserted as page 54 of the specification:

-- Abstract UTEROGLOBIN IN THE TREATMENT OF IgA MEDIATED AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS

Uteroglobin has been discovered to prevent IgA mediated diseases, such as IgA nephropathy, by preventing the deposition of IgA-Fibronectin immunocomplexes in tissues